



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Department for the Aging*

Julie Christopher, Commissioner

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Directors and Staff,  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Julie Christopher, Commissioner

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Grants Received**

I am pleased to announce two grants which VDA has just received:

**State of Aging Preparedness Study** - The Richmond Memorial Health Foundation has approved grant funding of \$100,000 for VDA, working with the Southeastern Institute of Research and the "Boomer Project", to conduct a *State of Aging Preparedness Research Study* (the working title). This grant will fund a large, statistically projectable telephone survey among adults 18 years old and older. The initial study goals are to provide information and insights to help:

- 1) Advance greater awareness of the coming age wave and the immediate need to prioritize "care and support for our aging population" as a major cause and public planning priority;
- 2) Bring about immediate improvements, where possible, in programs and policies at all levels (private and public sector) to educate and support family caregivers; and
- 3) Reposition our aging population as a community asset, rather than a liability – advancing the notion that seniors are an untapped economic resource.

**Streamlining the Medicaid Application for Older and Disabled Adults** - The Productivity Investment Fund Enterprise Solutions Group has approved grant funding of \$190,000 for VDA to work with DMAS and DSS to redesign and streamline the Medicaid application process for low income seniors and persons with disabilities and to make the streamlined form part of the GetCare tools available through No Wrong Door. These grants funds will also draw down Medicaid matching funds from CMS that will maximize the grant's impact.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**AND:** Nutrition Directors  
Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Coordinators

**FROM:** Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD  
Program Coordinator

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** AoA Announces 2007 Choices for Independence Program Champions

Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina G. Carbonell announced the 2007 *Choices for Independence Program Champions*.

The *2007 Program Champions* highlight programs and initiatives in States, tribes and communities that demonstrate the principles of the AoA strategy to rebalance and modernize health and long-term care for older persons and those with disabilities.

The *2007 Program Champions* will be featured on the AoA website, <http://www.aoa.gov>, each business day during Older Americans Month.

For more information:

[http://www.aoa.gov/press/oam/Program\\_champions/program\\_champions](http://www.aoa.gov/press/oam/Program_champions/program_champions)

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Assistance for Caregivers of Veterans

**Opportunity to Work with Veterans Health Administration (VHA)**

Rick Greene of AoA has forwarded to VDA, and to other states, information regarding a request for proposals for a pilot program that will provide assistance to caregivers of veterans. Mr. Greene notes that this could be an excellent opportunity for Area Agencies on Aging to develop a working relationship with their local VHA facilities.

Section 214 of Title II of Public Law 109-461 requires VHA to carry out a Pilot Program to improve caregiver assistance. The program is designed to assist the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in building its non-institutional long term care programs. A Patient Care Services Task Force has been established at VHA to implement this law. Letters of intent for submitting a grant proposal are due to VHA by May 15, 2007. Programs will be based at VHA health care facilities or Veterans Integrated Service Networks as designated by the Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs. For further information, please consult Request for Proposals Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration VHA Notice 2007-02 at:

[http://www.index.va.gov/search/va/va\\_search.jsp?QT=VHA+Notice+2007-02](http://www.index.va.gov/search/va/va_search.jsp?QT=VHA+Notice+2007-02)

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**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Nancy J. Lo

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT:** GrandDriver

As the new GrandDriver Coordinator for the VDA, I look forward to working with you. We have many new and exciting plans for GrandDriver this coming year.

First of all, we have fresh new faces for our media campaign created by Campbell Johnson Marketing & Public Relations. Please look for the debut of "Flo, Ruth and Mabel" on the GrandDriver.net website on May 1, as we kick off Older Virginians Month.

Our marketing target is Virginia's highest traffic areas, the Northern Virginia and Tidewater regions. This does not mean we will not offer GrandDriver in other regions; however, you will see more billboards and other media advertisements in those two regions.

We continue to encourage you to coordinate CarFit events and GrandDriver presentations whenever possible. However, please email me the specifics (place, date, and time) of the events so that we may publicize it on GrandDriver.net.

Finally, please email me the name of your GrandDriver representative so I may update my database and refer requests for GrandDriver events in your area when I receive them.

Please call me if you have any questions. Again, I look forward to working with all of you.

Thank you.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Tim Catherman  
Director of Administrative Services

**RE:** Personnel Update

I am pleased to announce the Virginia Department for the Aging has selected Jim Montgomery as the IT Project Manager and Christy Miller as the new IT Business Systems Analyst.

Jim Montgomery has 30 years experience working for state government and the private sector. Most recently, Jim served as the Virginia Consulting Program Manager for Paragon Technology Group and worked with VITA to develop and implement a comprehensive information technology investment management standard and associated implementation guideline. Prior to this Jim was the Enterprise Resource Planner with NewMarket Corporation. Jim has also been the CIO for Central State Hospital and a contractor for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) working with Community Services Boards (CSBs).

Jim is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Information Systems Program from Nova Southeastern University. He has a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree from VCU. Jim is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

Christy Miller has extensive experience as a Business System Analyst and Programmer for BlueCross and Blue Shield. Recently Christy worked for Anthem of Richmond where she created business and technical requirement plans and user test cases. Christy Miller holds a Certificate of Business Analysis from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Richmond.

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Please join me in welcoming Jim Montgomery and Christy Miller to the Department. Jim Montgomery can be reached at (804) 662-9338. Christy Miller can be reached at 662-9323.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Kathy Miller, Director of Long Term Care

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT: UNMET DEMAND REPORT**

**New VDA Staff to Generate Unmet Demand Report**

Effective immediately, please send your Unmet Demand Reports to me at [kathy.miller@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:kathy.miller@vda.virginia.gov). The April 2007 Unmet Demand Report is due by May 12. The revised report form is attached.



# UNMET DEMAND FOR SERVICES ASSESSED OR DOCUMENTED

Virginia Department for the Aging

PSA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Report Month: **January / April /  
July / October**

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Service	Unmet Demand <sup>1</sup>	Persons Unserved <sup>2</sup>	Persons Underserved <sup>3</sup>
Adult Day Care <sup>4</sup>	Hrs		
Home Delivered Meals <sup>5</sup>	Meals		
Homemaker <sup>6</sup>	Hrs		
Personal Care <sup>7</sup>	Hrs		
Residential Repair <sup>8</sup>	Homes		
Transportation <sup>9</sup>	One-way Trips		

I certify that the information in this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Questions? Call Kathy Miller at 804-662-9341.  
Please e-mail report to: [kathy.miller@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:kathy.miller@vda.virginia.gov)

<sup>1</sup> **Unmet Demand:** Report actual assessed or documented amounts for each service up to the limits below. Use assessed need from the UAI for all services except Residential Repair and Transportation, which should be documented separately. Report data for only the one-month period circled above.

<sup>2</sup> **Persons Unserved:** In the current month, the number of assessed individuals who need some level of this service and did not receive any of service they need.

<sup>3</sup> **Persons Underserved:** In the current month, the number of assessed individuals who need some level of this service and received less than the assessed amount.

<sup>4</sup> **Adult day care:** Service norm is up to 8 hours per day, up to 5 days per week, as assessed.

<sup>5</sup> **Home delivered meals:** Service norm is up to 2 meals per day, up to 7 days per week, as assessed.

<sup>6</sup> **Homemaker:** Service norm is up to 8 hours per week, as assessed.

<sup>7</sup> **Personal Care:** Service norm is up to 20 hours per week, as assessed.

<sup>8</sup> **Residential Repair:** As documented in the Service Standard.

<sup>9</sup> **Transportation:** As documented in the Service Standard.